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"What is the influence of the alumni upon the student body? What do these big brothers talk about to the boys still in college? I will tell you in the words of an alumnus who owned up very frankly to me that what a college ought to expect from its alumni, so far as the fitness of most of them to give anything else was concerned, was 'money and silence.' . . .

"The college president's job, then, is somehow to educate into a common understanding and a common purpose five separate and curiously diverse elements, each indispensable in the situation, and each filled with good intentions, and infinite potentialities: himself, his trustees, his faculty, his alumni, and his students. It's a man's job."

JOHN PALMER GAVITT, in the *New York Evening Post*.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.—"——University¹ is right. It is absurd to expect a married man to live on nothing at all, and you can't blame him if, while *trying* to live on nothing at all, he picks up odd jobs outside his university work. But——University has adopted the wrong corrective. Instead of forbidding instructors to marry, it should cut down the number of its faculty so as to leave enough money to go around. The truth is, faculties are in the situation of the coal miners: they number too many men. A "fact-finding" committee composed of business men would undoubtedly discover that our universities cannot furnish enough productive work for their vast army of laborers. We do not overlook the fact that instructors groan under the burden of many hours of teaching and committee meetings. What we are laying stress on is *productive* work. We can see no reason for dividing knowledge up into such snippets as provide the excuse for many a course. If one-quarter of the courses offered in any large university were to be discarded, the result would not be calamitous but beneficial. Or suppose that our highly specialized present system were practiced in, say, four universities, one each in the East, West, North and South, and that the remaining universities were satisfied with a more modest programme. Think of all the overlapping which would be avoided, and think of the fat salaries that universities could then provide."

The Independent.

¹ The name of the institution is omitted as there appears to have been no basis for including it. (EDITOR.)